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CSBS *Kudos*

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National documentary film coming to the Cedar Valley

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences continues to be at the forefront of current social issues, this time with the issue of bullying. An estimated 13 million U.S. children will be affected this year by peers who repeatedly use a perceived power to control or harm others—making it a serious matter to be addressed in our homes, schools, and communities.

The Center for Violence Prevention (CVP) is bringing the documentary film *Bully* to Cedar Falls in an effort to illustrate the effects of bullying for area students, parents, and teachers. The event is part of the Bully Project's 1 Million Kids movement which will bring the film to audiences across the nation.

One of the documentary's five profiled students is a former student from Sioux City, Iowa, home of a pilot program in bullying prevention developed and implemented in the Sioux City schools by the Waitt Institute for Violence Prevention. Alan Heisterkamp, director of the CVP's Mentors in Violence Prevention Institute, served as the Waitt Institute's education coordinator at the time of filming, which led to his role as the documentary's educational consultant and in helping create the lesson plan that accompanies the film.

The CVP is directed by Annette Lynch, also a professor in the School of Applied Human Sciences, who has long been a leader in interpersonal and gender-based violence prevention both on the UNI campus and across Iowa's regents institutions.

Elsewhere in the college, Carolyn Hildebrandt of psychology has been active in conducting research on cyberbullying. Her work, often including or supervising student researchers, has addressed the increasing trend of using the Internet and related technologies to harass others.

A study conducted last year by Hildebrandt and her students found that 84% of UNI students had observed some type of cyberbullying, while 56% said they had been a victim of cyberbullying themselves. For an institution preparing tomorrow's counselors, educators, and other professionals who will work with children and adolescents, those statistics are alarming. But social and behavioral scientists are well positioned to find the ways to curb what is becoming a national crisis.



The documentary *Bully* will be shown April 27 – May 10 at the College Square Marcus Theatres in Cedar Falls. Show times and tickets can be obtained through the theater.

A special panel discussion, which is free and open to the public, will be held May 1 at 4:00pm in Sabin 2. The panel will include the film's director, its producer/writer, and UNI faculty who conduct research or teach on the topic.

Alan Heisterkamp (left) and Annette Lynch (right) with Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives (center), at the recent "Y Factor Summit: Men Leading by Example." The event was focused on the role of men in teaching youth about preventing gender-based violence.

CSBS leadership changes

In early April, Dean Philip Mauceri announced that he had accepted the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs at State University of New York at New Paltz. He will begin his new duties at SUNY August 1.

The editorship of *CSBS Kudos*, on behalf of our faculty, staff, and a generation of students, thanks Dean Mauceri for his 18 years of distinguished service to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The depth of the sentiment expressed by his colleagues and former students is perhaps the best testament to his effectiveness as a teacher, a scholar, and a leader. We have appreciated his leadership through these unique and challenging times, and we wish him well in his newest endeavor.



CSBS Dean Philip Mauceri (*left*) came to UNI in 1994. Associate Dean Brenda Bass (*right*) will assume the duties of interim dean sometime this summer.

Associate Dean Brenda Bass will serve as the interim dean. A professor of family studies in the School of Applied Human Sciences, Bass joined the faculty of UNI in 1996 and has served as the associate dean since 2008. She brings with her a thorough knowledge of the college as well as a demonstrated capacity for excellent leadership. The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences will remain in good hands.

Social and behavioral research: vital service for the people of Iowa

Each year, the Center for Social & Behavioral Research (CSBR) works on scores of projects that use high-quality scientific methods to conduct survey research. The valuable data gained through this practical application of the social and behavioral sciences allows agencies, organizations, and governments to improve their services to individuals, families, and communities across Iowa and across the nation.

Congratulations to the Center for Social & Behavioral Research (CSBR) staff, who have received nine new externally funded awards this semester.

Disa Cornish is principal investigator for a study of K-12 energy education in Iowa for the Iowa Energy Center.

Mary Losch is principal investigator (with **Jack Yates** of Psychology) for a study of the Green Community Campaign Challenge, a project in which communities compete to use the most renewable energy. Losch is also responsible for projects concerning osteoporosis prevention among rural women, for the University of Iowa, and pregnancy risk assessment through maternal attitudes and experiences before, during, and after pregnancy, for the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Gene Lutz is principal investigator on a number of projects for the Iowa Department of Public Health: assessing Iowa's gambling treatment outcomes monitoring (with **Mel Gonnerman**); tobacco prevention and control studies (with **Disa Cornish**); and a behavioral risk study to identify and monitor risk factors for chronic diseases and other leading causes of death. Lutz also oversees the project evaluation for Iowa's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) award from the National Science Foundation, a \$20-million, five-year grant to increase the state's research capacity in renewable energy and energy efficiency.

ALUMNI *Kudos*

Thanks to the CSBS Advisory Board for traveling to campus for our April meeting. The board provides valuable feedback on the college's programs, initiatives, visibility, and accountability.



Above left: CSBS development officer John Aronowitz (left) with Sue Caley (History '81). *Top right (left to right):* President Allen, board chair Jerry Glazier (Psychology '77), David Van Sickel (History '74), and Dean Mauceri. *Bottom right:* History department head Robert Martin (left) with Jerry Kramer (History '63).



Ambassador Nancy Powell

Nancy Powell (History '70) has been appointed the new U.S. ambassador to India, the first female to hold that title. She most recently served as Director General of the United States Foreign Service and has held a variety of service posts in India, Bangladesh, Ghana, Pakistan, Uganda, and Nepal.

Carl Boyd (Sociology and Criminology '87) recently won the Democratic primary for the Cook County 2nd Subcircuit Court in Illinois. He will run uncontested in the November 2012 general election. Boyd has managed a private law practice since 1991 and has been very active in community service.

Joseph Raso (Political Science BA '92, Public Policy '95) has been named the new president and CEO of the Greater Colorado Springs Chamber and Economic Development Corporation. He has most recently served as the president of the Iowa City Area Development Group.

Three recent masters graduates have received awards from UNI's Graduate College for their work.

Simon Andrew (Public Policy '11) was awarded first place in the Outstanding Master's Research Paper competition for "School Calendar Reform and the Achievement Gap."

Megan Tesene (Sociology '11) was awarded first place in the Outstanding Master's Thesis competition for "Exploring the Impact of Transitioning on Female-to-Male Transpersons and Partners of Female-to-Male Transpersons." Her thesis also garnered the Distinguished Thesis Award from the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Thesis Competition, part of the Council of Graduate Schools.

Dale Yurs (History '11) was awarded second place in Outstanding Master's Thesis for "From a Weak Tribunal to a Branch of Government: The Supreme Court of the United States from 1789 to Marshall." Yurs has accepted a four-year teaching and research fellowship in the History doctoral program at Purdue University, and has also published "The Early Supreme Court and the Challenges of Circuit Riding" in *Journal of Supreme Court History*.

FACULTY *Kudos*

Congratulations to our faculty who earned recommendation for tenure and promotions this year! Such an achievement requires dedication to the highest quality of scholarship, service, and teaching.

Trudy Eden (History) was recommended for promotion to full Professor.

Cindy Juby (Social Work) was recommended for tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.

J. Henry Owusu (Geography) is publishing a book this summer. *Africa, Tropical Timber, Turfs and Trade: Geographic Perspectives on Ghana's Timber Industry* examines development issues, particularly spatial integration, in Sub-Saharan Africa with respect to the tropical timber trade, and the related dynamics of formal and informal operational turf creation and control.

Pita Agbese (Political Science) taught a 10-week course on Africa to the Waterloo Study Club, a group of local older women who enjoy learning more about a variety of topics. The series was patterned after Agbese's non-Western course on contemporary African society and culture, and it included geography, historical heritage, social and family structure, art, music, and beliefs.

Kim MacLin and **Otto MacLin** (Psychology) presented "Racial Categorization: Impact of Stereotypes, Prejudice, and Face Processing" in February as part of the UNI Museum's "Race: Are We So Different?" The exhibit also included "Immigration, Race and the Power of Delusion" by **Mark Grey** (Anthropology) and "Physical Anthropology's Views on the Biological Aspects of "Race" by **Tyler O'Brien** (Anthropology).

Ramona McNeal (Political Science) has been recognized by *Political Research Quarterly* as eleventh of its twenty Outstanding Reviewers. She also has a forthcoming book chapter: "State response to Obama's broadband access policy: A study in policy implementation" in *Public Sector Transformation through E-Government: Experience from Europe and North America*.

John Johnson (History) published an online essay, "The Moral Crusade Against Contraception Won't Work," at History News Network (<http://hnn.us/>, March 19, 2012). He also delivered a talk in April at Cedar Heights Presbyterian Church, "Citizens United v. FEC and the Corrosive Effect of Money in American Politics."

Cathy DeSoto and **Robert Hitlan** (Psychology) have had an article accepted for publication in a special issue of the *Journal of Pediatric Biochemistry: Metabolic and Nutritional Disorders Associated with Neurodevelopmental Disorders*: "Synthetic Folic Acid Supplementation During Pregnancy May Increase the Risk of Developing Autism."

The College bids farewell to the following professors who will retire at the end of this academic year. We thank them for their many years of service.

Tom Fogarty (Geography): 23 years at UNI

David Walker (History): 37 years at UNI

Walker was recently honored by the Northern Iowa Student Government in a resolution recognizing his outstanding service to the student community.

Chris Larimer (Political Science) was a guest on Iowa Public Radio's *River to River* on April 16. "Legislative Issues on the Campaign Trail" focused on how the upcoming elections impact the final negotiations of the Iowa legislative session.

Steven Briggs and **Tara Opsal** (Criminology) have had a paper, "The influence of victim ethnicity on arrest in violent crimes," accepted for publication in *Criminal Justice Studies: A Critical Journal of Crime, Law, and Society*. **Briggs** and **Keith Crew** have had a paper accepted in the *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*. "The impact of population selection on examinations of discretionary searches in traffic stops" explains why some research has identified racial disparities in such stops while others have not found an association.

Scott Peters (Political Science) was selected as the recipient of the MWOne UNIque Advising Award from MidWestOne Bank. The award recognizes one UNI faculty member each year who demonstrates quality in their advising of students. He also participated in a recent faculty development panel on the topic of faculty engagement in academic advising.

Marybeth Stalp (Sociology) has had a previous publication highlighted in the 10th anniversary of *Textile: The Journal of Cloth and Culture*. "Hiding the (Fabric) Stash: Collecting, Hoarding, and Hiding Strategies of Contemporary U.S. Quilters," published in 2006, is one of ten articles celebrated from the journal's first ten years.

Al Hays (Public Policy) presented "Housing Policy in the 21st Century: Lessons from the Past and Challenges for the Future" at University Book & Supply in April. The event also included a reception and book signing. *The Federal Government and Urban Housing*, first published in 1985, is now in its third edition with updated information for the Bush and Obama administrations.

Gary Gute and **Elaine Eshbaugh** (Family Studies) presented "No Strings Attached: Hookups, Personality, and Sexual Regret at UNI" as part of 2012 Darwin Week on campus. Also presenting on the topic of sexuality was **Ruth Chananie-Hill** (Sociology), "Constructing Sexualities: The Social Construction of Sexuality."

2012 CSBS Dean's Challenge Grants Announced

Challenge Grants allow tenured and probationary CSBS faculty the opportunity to develop innovative teaching initiatives, international research or teaching activities, and external grant proposals. Each project helps deepen the college's commitment to being the leader in the classroom, in internationalized education, and in research and service. Congratulations to the 2012 Challenge Grant recipients!

External Grants category:

Nicholas Schwab (Psychology): "Dynamic Social Impact and the Emergence of Health Norms within Social Networks"

Innovative Teaching category

Ga-Young Choi (Social Work): "ACTION: Anti-oppressive Community Towards Inclusion, Opportunities, and Nexus"

Carissa Froyum (Sociology): "Developing Data Analysis Modules for Teaching Racism"

Wallace Hettle (History): "Intimate Matters: Incorporating Gender and Sexuality into the History of the U.S. to 1877"

International Research & Teaching category

Dennis Dahms (Geography): "International Research and instruction Collaboration with the University of Zurich"

Mark Grey (Anthropology): "Short Course on Immigrant/Refugee Integration at Gediz University, Izmir, Turkey"

Augustina Naami (Social Work): "Disability, Gender and Employment Relationships in Africa: The case of Ghana"

Andrey Petrov (Geography): "Enhancing International Research and Educational Collaboration in Polar Studies at UNI"

In Memoriam



Robert Claus
1928-2012

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology lost a longtime colleague and friend with the recent passing of Professor Robert Claus (retired).

Born in Toledo, Ohio in 1928, he moved with his family to Clinton, Iowa, where he graduated from high school. He earned his Bachelor's degree at UNI (then known as Iowa State Teachers College) in 1950. He enlisted in the Army in 1952 and served tours of duty in Japan and Korea, where he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge during the Korean War.

He received his Master's degree from the University of Iowa in 1955. He joined the faculty at UNI (then known as State College of Iowa) in 1955. He was awarded the Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1964. At the time, the sociology program at the University of Iowa was well known as the home of the "Iowa school" of symbolic interactionism associated with the work of Manford Kuhn. This sociological tradition influenced his teaching throughout his career, with its emphasis on how people select and define identities congruent with social situations. Robert "Bob" Claus taught at UNI for thirty-seven years, retiring in 1992.

One of Bob's favorite activities was giving visitors to Cedar Falls, especially candidates for positions at UNI, a tour of the community. Often these tours took place on the city bus line. Bob was environmentally conscious before "green" was fashionable. Although he was an avid sports car enthusiast, Bob took the bus whenever feasible because it was better for the environment and he enjoyed socializing with the drivers and passengers. When giving the community tours, Bob enjoyed showing off his prodigious knowledge of local history and culture, for example, pointing out the location of the original county courthouse before it was relocated to Waterloo.

Bob was devoted to UNI, an avid fan of Panther athletics, a perennial supporter of the radio station KUNI, and someone who took greater pride in the accomplishments of his students than in his own achievements. Robert Claus passed away on March 2, 2012. Those of us who remember Bob still smile at the stories we tell about him, and we will miss his wry sense of humor, his gentle demeanor, and unique character.

submitted by Keith Crew, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology

STUDENT *Kudos*

KaLeigh White (Public Administration and Sociology) has been elected Vice President of the Northern Iowa Student Government for the 2012-2013 year.

Evan Schares (Political Communication and Global Studies) will be participating in a summer study abroad experience in Costa Rica. The program will help him develop the Spanish-language component of his global studies emphasis: peace, conflict, and human rights in Latin America. Schares also presented a paper on Portuguese drug decriminalization and Mexico's narcoviolent economy at the March meeting of the Iowa Association of Political Scientists Conference.

Holly Nelson (Interior Design) is completing her internship for *House Beautiful* magazine and is excited to be working in Manhattan's Hearst Tower, the first LEED Platinum certification for existing buildings in New York City.



Holly Nelson

Jason Surratt (Sociology graduate student) and **Margaret Nerison** (Psychology and Social Work) served as student coordinators of the 19th Annual CSBS Student Research Conference held April 21.



Anthony James

Anthony James (Family Services) is a member of the UNI men's basketball team and was named to honorable mention All-MVC squad for the second straight season. James, from St. Louis, Missouri, leads the team in scoring.

Katie Miller (Textiles & Apparel) is heading to Cabela's headquarters in Hong Kong this summer for an internship, the first overseas internship offered by the retailer. Miller will be working with the quality manager who is also an alumna of the college's TAPP program.

Jessica Steen (Social Work graduate student) presented on the topic of sexual assault of deaf individuals at the Sexual Assault Awareness Conference at Drake University in April. She also presented the results of her research study, "Awareness of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault," at UNI's recent Graduate Student Research Symposium.

Daniel Yehieli (Criminology and Global Studies) will be participating in the Iowa Regents Arabic Program in Morocco this summer. The seven-week intensive language program will prepare him for his future goal of serving as a military officer. Yehieli is earning a minor in military science and is the Advance Designee Recipient of the Army ROTC Scholarship for UNI, and his global studies emphasis is in strategic studies of the Middle East and Africa.

Kaitlin Juhl and **Holly Wirtjes** (Textiles & Apparel) were the executive directors of the program's 20th anniversary spring design show held April 21. "Catwalk to the Big Top" also included a reception to honor past TAPP alumni.

The Fifth Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium, hosted by the Graduate College, was held March 27. This year CSBS graduate students accounted for more than half of the participants, and two of our students won top awards in the poster division.

Cassie Nieman, second-year clinical psychology, was awarded first place for "Self-Defeating Behaviors in Sexual Offenders: Exploring Factors of Social Support and Motivation to Change," with adviser Kim MacLin.

Wayva Lyons, first-year social psychology, was awarded second place for "Testosterone, Intercultural Communication Apprehension, and Prestige," with adviser Cathy DeSoto.

Congratulations to these award-winning students and to all who participated, demonstrating that quality research is key to a graduate education in the social and behavioral sciences.



Cassie Nieman (above)
and Wayva Lyons (left)

STUDENT Profile

by Katie Tietz, CSBS Marketing/Promotions Intern

ChaValier Sharps is a first-year clinical psychology graduate student from Shreveport, Louisiana. She is currently organizing a new student group called the Black and Hispanic Peer Mentoring Group. The intentions of the group is that it becomes an organization where Black and Hispanic students work with each other and help one another through daily struggles related to academics, social issues, questions, culture, religion, lifestyles. The program is open particularly to students in CSBS, but can reach out to help all UNI students. ChaValier often communicates one-on-one with the students, which creates a more personal relationship.

The idea of the mentoring group was initially developed by the dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Philip Mauceri. He contacted ChaValier after reading through her resumé and being impressed by her achievements and experience in mentoring. The dean asked her to be a part of the project and ChaValier accepted because the project sounded interesting. The project was also relevant to her thesis, “Measuring the levels of stress with ethnic minority students via saliva in relation to perceived exclusion and social support.”



ChaValier Sharps

Her thesis originated from noticing the levels of stress students have in relation to feeling excluded. ChaValier says, “Our saliva has many different hormones mixed in that can measure the level of stress we are experiencing. And when I noticed that UNI is not as diverse as my hometown in Louisiana, I wondered if there was a difference based on different ethnicities.”

While it has been difficult to get the organization up and running due to scheduling conflicts, ChaValier has received great help from the dean. The group is continuing to grow as well: at the first meeting, only one student attended. By the third meeting, almost ten students participated. In the long run, ChaValier hopes to get students to take on leadership positions so it does not die down after she graduates from UNI. She says, “If anything, I want the students to form a liaison between themselves where they go to each other for help.”

ChaValier was always interested in why people do the things they do and wanted to learn more about the behavioral aspect behind the way people live. Throughout college in Louisiana she became more interested in people’s personalities. With both of these influences, she decided to go into clinical psychology because she wanted to merge the scientific element of psychology with the social element in order to better explain people’s behaviors.

After graduating from Dillard University with a bachelor’s degree in psychology, she was encouraged by her dean to consider UNI’s psychology program for graduate school where she could fine-tune her specific field in psychology. She ended up choosing UNI because of the outstanding psychology program, the positive interactions she had with faculty, staff and other students, as well as the financial assistance she received. Since coming to UNI for graduate school, ChaValier has enjoyed meeting new people in her psychology program as well as outside the psychology program. She has been involved in a few activities including festivals as well as the Progressive Picnic. The picnic is an event that gathers student clubs/organizations that are forward-thinking in nature. Her involvement at UNI has helped her prepare for her career.

After she earns her PhD in psychology, ChaValier wants to work with the underrepresented communities that have a hard time finding a voice. These include women, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transvestite, persons of low socio-economic status. ChaValier was the first in five generations to pursue anything beyond an associate degree; she was second in five generations to go to undergraduate school. ChaValier’s hobbies include skateboarding, rollerblading, having intellectual conversations, discussing socio-political issues, listening to music, and meeting new people.

Spring Semester in Pictures



1: The 20th anniversary Textile and Apparel Design Show, "Catwalk to the Big Top," showcased the work of current students and featured apparel produced by TAPP alumni working across the country and abroad for well known fashion labels and industry leaders.



2: More than 60 people from 26 countries were sworn in as U.S. citizens during a naturalization ceremony earlier this month. Now in its second year, the event was organized by Mark Grey, professor of anthropology and director of the Iowa Center for Immigrant Leadership and Integration.

3: CSBS sponsored *Spirit of Uganda* at the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, underscoring the college's involvement in internationally focused issues and events.

4: UNI Military Science/ROTC students and leadership with campus guest Andrew Bacevich (*fourth from left*), a national expert in international relations, foreign policy, and the military.

5: Association of Criminology Students toured the Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center in Eldora.

6: The 19th Annual CSBS Student Research Conference allowed students from UNI and across the region an opportunity to exchange ideas, present research, and learn more about developments in the social sciences.

